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As Congress moves to approve anti-terrorism money and laws proposed by the Reagan administration, Democrats are charging that President Reagan shamed his office by blaming the Beirut bombing on neglect of the CIA by former President Carter.

At the White House today, Reagan said the media distorted his remarks. And, Vice President George Bush, at a campaign stop today in Saginaw, Mich., said Reagan was not trying to imply that the Carter administration was responsible for the bombing.

Reagan, in response to a question about the need for increased security in the wake of the bombing, referred in Bowling Green, Ohio, Wednesday to "the effects today of the near destruction of our intelligence capability in recent years _ before we came here."

At about the time Reagan spoke, the Democrat-dominated House Foreign Affairs and House Judiciary committees were recommending swift congressional approval of his request for \$366 million to improve embassy security, plus a trio of anti-terrorist laws.

When word of Reagan's remarks reached Washington, however, Democrats in the Senate reacted in terms of outrage.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., saying that he spoke "through clenched teeth," told the Senate, "I believe an apology is in order. If none is forthcoming, a motion of censure is in order."

Moynihan, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that intelligence budgets, after declining steadily for a number of years, had increased each year since Carter submitted his first full budget in January 1979.

CIA budgets are classified, but Moynihan said upward or downward trends in intelligence spending may be made public.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., a member of the Intelligence Committee, called Reagan's comment "outrageous and beneath the dignity of the office of president of the United States."

"It is a slur on our intelligence officers and a slur on those who died," Leahy said. "I can't think of any time in the 10 years I have been in the Senate when I have been so angry as I am now. How dare he try to escape his responsibilities? If he does not immediately retract his statement, we should rise up and say, 'For shame, Mr. President, for shame, you shame your office.'"

Reagan, posing for pictures in the Rose Garden today with President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru, told reporters questioning him as he returned to his office: "I will answer your questions about the way you have distorted my remarks about the CIA. "

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